

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church
100 Broad Street, Hilltown, PA 18927
April 12, 2020



My Dear Parishioners,

The Lord is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!!!!!! Today, we celebrate the most important discovery in history: the discovery of an empty tomb! It is absolutely the most important discovery in history, because when all else fails, we can still put our faith and trust in Our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ!

Of course, while we cannot be together physically this year, we can be together spiritually through our united celebration of Easter with Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Guadalupe Parishes. The Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, April 11th begins at 7:00 PM. The Mass of Easter Day, April 12th begins at 9:30 AM. The Livestream can be view here:

<https://www.olsh-hilltown.com/livesreamholysweekliturgies/>

or

<https://www.olguadalupe.org/holy-week-2020-livestreamed-masses>

Also, thanks to our very dedicated group of decorators, the church is fully decorated for Easter. The church will be open Holy Saturday (April 11th) from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM and Easter Sunday (April 12th) from 8:00 AM until 12 PM.

Please feel free to stop in for private prayer and also to take pictures with the decorations.

Along with the regular mini bulletin that we have been publishing, I have including a reflection from Mr. Timothy Flanagan, founder of the Catholic Leadership Institute, on how this in fact can be the best Easter ever!

Lastly, on behalf of the Deacons and staff of the parish, I wish all of you a truly Happy and Blessed Easter, and let us all rejoice together with our Blessed Mother:

The Regina Caeli (English)
Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For he, whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
Has risen as he said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr. Michael J. Pawelko



What if this time of struggle, uncertainty, and pain in the world allows us to better empathize with Christ's passion and laying down of His life for us?

What if the Last Supper encourages us to appreciate our own seat at the Easter dinner table? Maybe we better cherish the value of eating together as a family and finding the good in each day?

What if, in walking the Stations of the Cross, we all committed to walking together alongside Church leadership to do what we can for our parishes, priests, and fellow parishioners at this time?

What if we are moved to rely more on prayer instead to ease our worries as we remember Christ's visit to the Garden of Gethsemane?

What if He is slowing us down so that we have more time to focus on our faith and love for Him?

What if Judas' betrayal urges us to keep hope in the Lord, because we know nothing good can come from giving up on Jesus Christ?

What if Mary's strength during the passion, inspires parents who are challenged with raising and teaching their children on their own right now to stay strong and do their best?

What if, as we envision Christ walking towards his crucifixion, we surrender to God's plan for the world and know that He is in control and caring for us?

What if this holiday we learn to be more forgiving? Jesus' first words after being hung on the cross were words of forgiveness.

What if, on Good Friday, as we mourn in silence while Jesus hung on the cross for hours, we accept that maybe God's timing isn't our own this Easter... but it is the perfect timing?

What if we pray for and acknowledge in a new way the essential employees like grocery store workers, pharmacists, and health care professionals and staff who are risking their lives and taking care of us while we are sheltered in place this Easter?

What if the apostles, hidden in the Upper Room, give us the strength to continue on with quarantine, knowing that we will journey out two-by-two again?

What if we, our families, our loved ones, and Catholics around the world experience the joy and light of the Resurrection reflected in different ways, ways that inspire us to appreciate, commit to, and serve our faith with more passion, gladness, and hope than ever before?

What if the opening of the tomb in three days foreshows the joy we feel when we can open our doors and go out into the world together again?

What if this is the best Easter yet?

Catholic Leadership Institute prays that you and your loved ones have a happy, holy, and healthy Easter and that the miracle of the resurrection provides a light of hope for you at this time!



MASS Intentions

Daily Mass is celebrated in the Church at 7:30 a.m.
Monday, April 13th:

7:30 a.m. William Cunningham
Request of Bill & Cathy McElroy

Tuesday, April 14th:

7:30 a.m. Jack Connelly
Request of Phyllis

Wednesday, April 15th:

7:30 a.m. Louise Rumsey
Request of the family

Thursday, April 16th:

7:30 a.m. James & Frances Rafter
Request of the family

Friday, April 17th:

7:30 a.m. Munson & Ostrander Families
Request of Greg Munson

Saturday, April 18th:

7:30 a.m. Thomas Flood
Request of Bill & Cathy McElroy
4:00 p.m. Joseph Cloonan
Request of Ginny Cloonan & family

Sunday, April 19th:

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
9:30 a.m. Mildrid Stampone
Request of Diane & Tom Schock
11:00 a.m. Elizabeth Pavlishin Dailey
Request of Joanna Sekella

Please Pray for our sick including Baby Aiden Romoya, Ralph Bleiler, Jonathan Botelho, Vickie Brady, Peggy Brown, Thomas Brown, Ray & Eleanor Cavaggion, Valarie Class, Ann Clifford, Zachary Coco, Pat Costo, Mary Covino, Richard D'Amelio, Mary Jane DeGennaro, Lou DiCriscio, Claudia Epstein, Roni Epstein, Barbara Lynne Filippone, John Gambale, Jackie Godek, Anita Grasso, Lester Guinther, Edith Gross, Rose Harmon, Amy Hayman, Brian Healy, Jean Igusky, Marie Johannessen, Ray MacNamera, Ian Malin, Stella Marino, Michael Murphy, John and Suzanne Pelletier, Carolyn Pritz, Marge Quartucci, Francis Resuta, Dominic Sano, Andrew Savarese, Paul Sawyer, Florence Simons, John Suchodolski, Theresa Tackacs, Ted Talian, Luke Tynan, Richard Volpe, Mary Wagner, Jaime Whiteley, David Wilding, Theresa Wilson.



Pray also for our relatives and friends who have died.

Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection during the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas –we who are put to the test –and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin

Pre-Jordan Classes Postpone

Our Pre-Jordan Class that was scheduled for April 13th has been cancelled. Future classes are postponed indefinitely until further notice due to the Coronavirus.

PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.

Protect them as they protect us.

Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. AMEN





American Red Cross

#BloodEmergency Give Now



WE GIVE OURS FOR OTHERS

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, April 20th

2:00 – 7:00 PM

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Gymnasium

To Schedule an Appointment: redcross.org and type Sponsor Code = sacred heart

OLSH Blood Drive Coordinators:

Sandy Lyle: slyle@comcast.net

Judi Gerhart: jagstar54@yahoo.com



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Blood Services

Right now, the American Red Cross has an ongoing critical need for blood product donations as uncertainties remain during this coronavirus pandemic. Blood drives continue to be canceled at an alarming rate and patients need a sufficient blood supply throughout the many weeks of this crisis and beyond. Healthy individuals are needed to schedule an appointment to give in the days and weeks ahead to help patients counting on lifesaving blood, platelets or AB Elite plasma.

Donating blood products is essential to community health and eligible donors are strongly urged to donate during the COVID-19 outbreak. As part of our nation's critical infrastructure, healthy individuals can still donate in areas that have issued shelter in place declarations. The Red Cross also urges organizations to maintain scheduled blood drives. The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and volunteer donors are the only source of blood for those in need.

This blood shortage could impact patients who need surgery, victims of car accidents and other emergencies, or patients fighting cancer. **One of the most important things you can do to ensure we don't have another health care crisis on top of coronavirus is make an appointment to donate.**

You can still go out and give blood. We're worried about potential blood shortages in the future. Social distancing does not have to mean social disengagement.

- US Surgeon General, Jerome Adams